

**COMMISSION DIRECTIVE**

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS	<input type="checkbox"/>	DATE	<u>October 17, 2007</u>
MOTOR CARRIER MATTERS	<input type="checkbox"/>	DOCKET NO.	<u>2007-32-C</u>
UTILITIES MATTERS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		

**SUBJECT:**

DOCKET NO. 2007-32-C - Midwestern Telecommunications, Incorporated - Application for Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier for the Purposes of Receiving Federal Universal Service Support Pursuant to Sections 214 (e)(2) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 - A Hearing was Held on this Matter on July 31, 2007 - This Matter is Ready for Final Disposition.

**COMMISSION ACTION:**

With regard to Midwestern Telecommunications, I move that we grant Midwestern Telecommunications' Application for Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier for the purpose of providing Lifeline and Link Up services in the non-rural exchanges of AT&T - South Carolina. Lifeline and Link Up provide discounts on installation charges and monthly service charges to qualifying low income consumers. Many low income consumers have had their telephone service disconnected because of non-payment and cannot afford large deposits or meet incumbent carriers' credit requirements. Carriers like Midwestern can make service available to this group of consumers and Life Line and Linkup discounts are in the public interest. At the hearing in this matter, Midwestern entered into certain stipulations regarding the provision of services to Life Line and Linkup customers. I move that the Commission approve these stipulations. The Office of Regulatory Staff has also requested that Midwestern be required to submit to annual recertification and to reapply to the Commission should it wish to expand the scope of its ETC designation. In this case, I believe that the annual recertification required by the FCC and the Universal Service Administrative Company is adequate and that the company should not be required to apply for recertification to the Commission on an annual basis. However, since Midwestern seeks to be designated only in non-rural exchanges of AT&T - South Carolina, expansion to rural, high cost areas would require additional designation proceedings before this Commission.

PRESIDING	<u>Hamilton</u>				Session:	Regular
	MOTION	YES	NO	OTHER	Time of Session	<u>2:30 PM</u>
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Commissioner Wright was on Annual Leave the day of the Hearing